"Thy Kingdom Come"

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF THE

NEBRASKA SYNOD, EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH,

HELD AT

WAVERLY, LANCASTER CO., NEB.,

OCTOBER 12-14, 1886.

PHILADELPHIA:
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1887.

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1886-1887.

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ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF

NEBRASKA SYNOD.

SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

FIRST SESSION.

WAVERLY, NEB., OCT. 13, 7:30 P. M.

The Seventh Annual Convention of the Woman's Missionary Society of Nebraska Synod, met in the Lutheran church at Waverly.

Opening service conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. F. Eyster.

Address of welcome by Mrs. E. Martz.

Response by Mrs. Rev. G. H. Schnur.

Delegates Enrolled.

Mrs. Eyster, Mrs. L. Ritz, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Schnur, Miss Brobst, Miss Troutman, Miss Schlater, Mrs. L. F. M. Easterday, Miss L. Easterday, Mrs. Pike, Mrs. Humpe, Mrs. Lipe, Mrs. Jardine, Mrs. Detweiler, Mrs. Nichols, Miss Mamie Lohff, Mrs. Crannell, May Wilson, Mrs. A. Flohr, Miss Kleaver, Mrs. French, Mrs. Griffith, Miss Lizzie Kuhlman, Mrs. Kimmel.

Report of Treasurer, Mrs. C. J. Ernst; Report of Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Easterday; Address of President, Mrs. Kimmel; Address—Our Object, Mrs. Detweiler—with excellent

singing by the choir, occupied the time until the hour for adjournment.

From the official reports the following statistics are gleaned:

Names of Societies.	Number of Members.	General Fund Contributions.
Auburn	15	$14 30
Dakota City	18	22 60
Danby	18	5 50
Fontanelle	20	20 00
Oakland	12	23 52
Lincoln	14	34 00
Omaha	28	38 24
Ponca	13	19 58
Rising	11	18 65
Stella	10	7 90
Tekamah	14	10 25
Waverly	19	13 15
Wayne	23	19 80
West Point	14	15 00
Yutan	11	27 40
St. Joe, Mo.		2 08
Centre Valley		1 50
Totals	240	$293 47
Paid for printing Minutes		40 98
Convention expense		6 07
Total amount in Treasury during year		$340 52

SECOND SESSION.

Thursday Morning, 8 o'clock.

Devotional meeting led by Mrs. Jardine.

Address by Rev. J. N. Lenker, Western Secretary Board of Church Extension.

Report of Nominating Committee.

Your Committee on Nominations would offer the following report:

President—Mrs. J. W. Kimmel, McCook.

Vice-Presidents—Mrs. L. L. Lipe, Lincoln; Mrs. W. F. Eyster, Crete; Mrs. A. J. Hunt, Omaha.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. L. F. M. Easterday, Lincoln.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. J. G. Griffith, Auburn.
Treasurer—Mrs. C. J. Ernst, Lincoln.

Ratified and adopted.

Discussion—Duties and difficulties of the District Committees. After considerable debate on the subject the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, Art. V. of our Synodical Constitution makes it the duty of the District Committees to endeavor by all practicable means to organize Auxiliary Societies in all the congregations of their respective Conferences; and,

WHEREAS, This work in Nebraska Synod must necessarily be exceedingly laborious and expensive; therefore,

Resolved, That the Publishing Committee be instructed to furnish the District Committees with a circular letter, printed in both the English and German languages, which shall briefly set forth our object, give a statement of this Synodical Society's work for each successive year since its organization, an outline of the work projected by the General Society, and instructions for organizing Auxiliary Societies, with an offer of a visit from some member of the Organizing Committee, at the expense of the congregation wishing to form a Society and desiring such aid.

Resolved 2, That the District Committees be instructed to confer with the pastors where no Society exists, and secure from them the names of some good women with whom the Committees may correspond, and to whom they may send tracts, papers, etc., for general distribution at least quarterly.

Resolved 3, That a special fund be provided for this work, and that every congregation and Society here represented send to the Synodical Treasury within thirty days a contribution to this fund of at least $1.00.

Adopted item by item.

An admirable paper on our foreign work by Mrs. W. F. Eyster opened a spirited discussion of this subject, so dear to our hearts.

Recitation, "For Love's Sake," by May Wilson, closed this session.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

A very interesting meeting was held.

Opening address, "Know no Discouragement," by Miss Wilson.

The home field was reviewed as follows: The extent, the people, past achievements, future possibilities, the object for which we labor.

Standing Committees appointed.

North Platte Conference—Mrs. J. B. Jardine, May Wilson.

South Platte Conference—Mrs. G. H. Schnur, Miss L. Kuhlman.

Western Conference—Mrs. A. B. Schrader, Mamie Lohff.

Publication Committee—Mrs. Easterday, Mrs. Lipe, Mrs. Ernst.

Parting words.

Doxology.

Benediction.

Adjourned.

MAY WILSON, *Recording Secretary.*

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SYNODICAL CALENDAR.

FOR ENSUING YEAR

President.
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Corresponding Secretary.
MRS. L. F. M. EASTERDAY, Lincoln.

Recording Secretary.
MRS. J. J. KING, West Point.

Treasurer.
MRS. C. J. ERNST, Lincoln.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

North Platte . . . { MRS. J. C. JACOBY, West Point.
MISS MAY WILSON, Tekamah.
MRS. J. B. BRUNER, Omaha.

South Platte . . . { MRS. J. G. GRIFFITH, Auburn.
MRS. G. H. SCHNUR, Danby.
MRS. B. F. PUGH, Rising.

Western . . . . . { MRS. A. B. SHRADER, Grand Island.
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MRS. J. W. KIMMEL, McCook.

German . . . . { MRS. REV. ROSENSTENGEL, Grand Island.
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COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

MRS. L. L. LIPE,
MRS. L. F. M. EASTERDAY,
MRS. C. J. ERNST.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF

NEBRASKA SYNOD.

EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

FIRST SESSION.

BEATRICE, NEB., SEPT. 26, 1887, 8 P. M.

As previously announced, the Woman's Missionary Society of Nebraska Synod convened in the Lutheran church of Beatrice. The beautiful and commodious audience-room was tastefully adorned with flowers. A highly proficient choir had charge of the singing.

The opening service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. G. H. Albright.

The delegates were welcomed to beautiful Beatrice, Queen of the Blue, by Mrs. G. H. Albright, to which Mrs. Rev. L. L. Lipe, of Lincoln, responded.

The annual address of the President, Mrs. J. W. Kimmel, an essay, "The Necessity Laid on Me," by Miss Ida Wollen, and a recitation by Miss May Wilson, constituted the remaining part of the programme.

A number of five-minute speeches from visiting clergymen closed the exercises.

Adjourned with doxology and benediction.

SECOND SESSION.

TUESDAY, 8:30 A. M.

A precious half hour was given to praise and prayer.

The Recording Secretary being absent, Miss May Wilson was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The following enrollment of Delegates was made:

Danby—Mrs. G. H. Schnur.

Lincoln—Mrs. L. L. Lipe, Mrs. W. A. Pike, Mrs. C. J. Ernst, Mrs. L. F. M. Easterday, Miss Sophia Manger, Miss Laura Easterday.

McCook—Mrs. J. W. Kimmel.

Oakland—Miss Ada Young.

Omaha—Mrs. J. B. Bruner, Mrs. J. Bauman, Mrs. T. E. Bailey, Mrs. Swartzlander, Mrs. Althaus, Mrs. Binson, Miss C. Wilhelmy, Miss C. Althaus.

Grand Island—Mrs. Shrader, Mrs. Zink.

Rising—Mrs. C. Bruner.

Tekamah—Mrs. Crannell, Miss May Wilson.

West Point—Mrs. Jacoby, Mrs. Krouse, Mrs. King.

Yutan—Mrs. J. Bender.

Beatrice—Mrs. Albright, Miss Wollen.

Committees Appointed.

No. 1. *Auditing*—Mrs. Schnur, Mrs. Crannell, Mrs. C. Bruner.

No. 2. *Resolutions*—Mrs. Pike, Mrs. Binson.

No. 3. *Bills*—Miss Easterday, Miss Wilson, Miss Young.

No. 4. *Papers*—Mrs. Jacoby, Mrs. J. Bruner.

No. 5. *By-Laws*—Mrs. Easterday, Mrs. Althaus.

No. 6. *Tracts*—Mrs. C. Bruner, Mrs. Bailey.

The following report of the Synodical Corresponding Secretary was then given:

Report of the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Ev. Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.

Mrs. President and Ladies of the Synodical Convention of Nebraska: As Corresponding Secretary of your Society I hereby present my third annual report. This is for the year ending August 31, 1887. I first submit the following:

TABULATED STATEMENT OF THE SYNODICAL CORRESPONDING SECRETARY FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1887.

Names of Societies.	Names of Corresponding Secretaries.	Organized	Quarters Reported.				Active Members.	Average Attendance	Honorary Members	Life Members	Missionary Journals.	Public Meetings.	Amount sent to Synodical Treasurer	
Omaha	Mrs. P. J. Nichols	1886	1	2	3	4	37	10	11	.	55	1	$117	05
Auburn	Mrs. Mathieson	1884	1	2	3	4	12	6	.	.	11	1	10	85
Tekamah	Miss May Wilson	1880	1	2	3	4	11	6	5	.	13	.	15	65
Ponca	Mrs. A. E. Berry	1879	1	2	3	.	8	10	.	.	.	.	7	22
Stella	Mrs. Hogrefe	1884	1	2	3	4	13	8	.	.	10	1	9	60
Omaha (Miss. Band)	Miss Carrie Hambright	1886	1	2	3	4	19	17	.	.	13	.	2	55
Lincoln	Mrs. L. F.M. Easterday	1884	1	2	3	4	16	8	8	1	16	.	30	00
Dakota City	Not given	1884	1	2	.	4	10	.	11	.	25	.	11	63
Danby	Miss Flora Troutman	1886	1	2	3	4	22	10	3	.	14	1	20	00
Wayne	Miss Nellie Klever	1883	1	2	.	4	20	6	.	.	11	.	10	13
Waverly	Not given	1881	1	2	3	4	14	.	14	.	14	.	4	55
Grace	Miss Mary Larson	1882	1	2	3	4	19	10	3	.	9	3	13	25
Grand Island	Mrs. W. A. Heimberger	1886	1	2	3	4	8	.	3	.	13	.	18	75
Rising City	Mrs. C. Bruner	1882	1	2	3	4	14	11	3	.	17	1	17	40
West Point	Mrs. Ida M. King	1882	1	2	3	4	16	7	6	.	13	.	28	30
Yutan	Mrs. Huber	1883	1	2	.	.	13	5	11	.	12	.	12	09
McCook (Mission)	Miss Bertha Boyle	1887	.	2	.	4	25	20	.	.	13	.	9	25
Totals							270	.	78	1	259	8	$338	25

Here my report might conclude, but a few additional reflections may be permitted. Whilst we have not yet attained to perfection, yet a comparison of the above statement with those of preceeding years is very gratifying.

First.—We note with pleasure the addition of two Societies, which take hold of the work in a manner pleasing as to the present, and promising as to the future. These are the Mission Band of St. Mark's, of Omaha, and the Mission Band of McCook. To these we extend a most hearty welcome.

Second.—The quarterly reports from Auxiliary Societies have come up more regularly than ever before. For this I am disposed personally and publicly to extend my thanks to the various Corresponding Secretaries. Of the 67 quarterly reports due during the quarter only 5 have failed to reach me.

Whilst our proposed Constitution leaves optional the matter of forwarding quarterly reports to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Society, she requests that we continue this method as formerly, and fully in sympathy with

her desire, I hereby recommend that action to correspond with it be taken by this Convention. I fear that to discontinue the quarterly reports would very much disturb the preparing of the annual report.

Third.—It is gratifying to notice the regular increase in our active membership. My report of 1885 gave as this footing 204. That of 1886 gave it 240. That of to-day gives it 270. Surely this is an army of whose number we need not be ashamed.

Fourth.—The other footings are no less satisfactory. The number of Journals taken is 259. This is a very considerable increase above former years. It is to be hoped that this increase will be continued, for the influence of the Journal in favor of our woman's work is evidently of very great value.

Fifth.—The last footing is not of the least importance. Here again we are greatly pleased. The amount sent to our Synodical Treasurer two years ago as indicated by my report was $180.41. One year ago it was $203.71. Here to-day the footing is $338.25. Thus it appears that the ratio of increase in the money forwarded is greater than that of the increase of the active members. This presents the pleasing fact that the activity of the members has increased even more rapidly than the number of active members.

Sixth.—I must express the fear however that my report of the amount sent to the Synodical Treasurer will not agree with that presented in the report of the Treasurer herself. If that shall be the case, it will be because of discrepancies between the reports sent in by the Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers of the Auxiliary Societies. To this matter I have referred in both my former reports. The reports should come up from the Auxiliary Society relative to the money actually sent to the Synodical Treasurer with such accuracy as to make these footings in the reports of the two Synodical officers precisely agree without any conference whatever between these officers. I begin to despair of ever seeing it so.

Unless it shall be indicated to the Synodical Corresponding Secretary by the Auxiliary Society precisely what money is sent by that Auxiliary Society to the Synodical Treasurer, surely the money column in the report of the Synodical Corresponding Secretary is of little worth.

Seventh.—I have forwarded my quarterly reports to the General Society, and attended to other correspondence to the best of my ability.

This report is most respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. F. M. EASTERDAY,

Syn. Cor. Sec. of the W. H. & F. M. Soc. of the Ev. Luth. Synod of Neb.

The Synodical Treasurer reported as follows:

Treasurer's Report,

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Nebraska Synod. Treasurer's Tabulated Statement of Receipts for Year Ending September 24, 1887.

From Auxiliary at	For Home Missions.	For Foreign Missions.	For General Fund.	For Lincoln Ch.	For India Hospital.	For Contingent Fund.	For Convention Expenses	Total.
Auburn	$1 50	. . .	$1 45	$5 10	$3 80	$1 00	. . .	$12 85
Dakota City	2 43	$3 25	4 20	5 00	. . .	. . .	*$1 00	15 88
Danby	. . .	. . .	15 00	5 00	. . .	1 00	*1 00	22 00
Grand Island	. . .	. . .	9 30	5 00	. . .	. . .	†1 00	15 30
Lincoln	4 50	4 00	20 00	12 50	. . .	1 00	‡2 00	33 00
McCook	. . .	. . .	3 00	5 75	. . .	1 00	*1 00	10 75
Oakland, Grace Church	2 70	. . .	15 05	2 50	. . .	1 00	. . .	21 25
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	. . .	. . .	46 65	. . .	103 25	. . .	‡2 00	151 90
Omaha, St. Mark's	2 00	2 00	1 36	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	5 36
Ponca	. . .	. . .	7 62	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	7 62
Rising	9 33	6 22	. . .	9 10	. . .	. . .	†1 00	25 65
Stella	. . .	10 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	1 00	*1 00	12 00
Tekamah	. . .	. . .	4 50	. . .	11 15	1 00	. . .	16 65
Waverly	. . .	. . .	7 90	5 50	. . .	. . .	*1 00	14 40
Wayne	2 50	. . .	7 65	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	10 15
West Point	5 00	5 00	16 30	7 00	. . .	. . .	‡2 00	35 30
Yutan	2 90	2 90	5 25	12 00	. . .	. . .	*1 00	24 05
Other Contributors.								
Rev. J. N. Lenker, Grand Island	. . .	. . .	. . .	5 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	5 00
Rev. Wm. Thoele, Carico	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	1 00	. . .	1 00
Lizzie Huhl, Long Island, Kan	. . .	. . .	. . .	50	. . .	. . .	. . .	50
Mrs. F. W. Rottman, Nebraska City	. . .	. . .	. . .	50	. . .	. . .	. . .	50
Mrs. Eliza Koop, Nebraska City	. . .	. . .	. . .	50	. . .	. . .	. . .	50
Collection at 1886 Convention	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	5 06	. . .	5 06
Totals and Grand Total.	$32 86	$33 37	$155 23	$79 95	$118 20	$13 06	$14 00	$446 67

* For Convention Expenses for 1886.
† For Convention Expenses for 1887.
‡ $1.00 for Expenses for Each Year.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. C. J. ERNST,
Synodical Treasurer.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 24, 1887.

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Nebraska Synod.

Report of the Synodical Treasurer for year ending September 24, 1887:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand at beginning of year	$6 07
Received from Auxiliaries and individuals during the year, as per tabulated statement attached	446 67
Total receipts	$452 74

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Synodical Corresponding Secretary, October 14, 1886, for stationery and postage		$3 23
Paid Mrs. Kimmel, Preridnt, October 14, 1886, for printing and stationery		4 25
Remitted to General Treasurer during year		419 61
Total disbursements		$427 09
By balance in Treasury—		
To credit of Convention expenses	$12 59	
To credit of Contingent Fund	13 06	25 65
		$452 74

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. J. ERNST,
Synodical Treasurer.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 24, 1887.

Discussion.

"Ways and Means for Promoting the Cause," was discussed in conversational style, delegates all taking part. Many important points were brought out, such as meetings, membership, finances, disposition of funds, relation of the congregation and pastor to the Woman's Missionary Society, local work, special work, etc.

A very interesting report was made by the Young Ladies' Band of St. Mark's, Omaha, through the youthful delegates and pastor.

On motion, the Band was regularly received as an Auxiliary of the Synodical Society.

Mrs. Pike opened the discussion on "Promoting the Cause in the Synodical Society."

After some consideration of the subject, it was laid over until after the review of the new Constitution.

On motion, adjourned for committee work until 2 p. m.

THIRD SESSION.

TUESDAY, 2 P. M.

Devotional meeting led by Mrs. Crannell.

The New Constitutions

were carefully reviewed, discussed, and adopted item by item.

Election of Officers.

The following officers were elected by ballot:

President—Mrs. J. S. Detweiler.
Vice President—Mrs. W. A. Pike.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. L. F. M. Easterday.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. J. J. King.
Treasurer—Mrs. C. J. Ernst.

Report of Auditing Committee.

Your Committee have examined the Treasurer's accounts and find them in a very neat form and correct.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. G. H. SCHNUR,
MRS. G. CRANNELL,
MRS. C. BRUNER.

Adopted.
Essay, "Our Mission in India," Mrs. A. B. Shrader.
Doxology.
Benediction.
Adjourned.

FOURTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 8:30 A. M.

Devotional exercises led by Mrs. G. H. Schnur.
Minutes read and approved.

Committee No. 3—Bills.

The Committee on Bills reported unpaid accounts aggregating $11.02.

Report adopted and bills paid.

Report of Committee No. 2.—On Resolutions.

Your Committee on Resolutions submits the following:

Resolved 1, That on the first Lord's Day evening of September of each year the missionary societies of our Synod be requested to hold a general praise meeting.

Resolved 2, That our thanks be tendered to the people of Beatrice who have so kindly welcomed our convention and entertained our delegates.

Resolved 3, That our thanks are due the railroad officials for reduced fare.

Resolved 4, That with God's help and blessing we pledge ourselves to renewed diligence in the work before us.

Resolved 5, That our thanks be extended to our retiring President for official services long and faithfully rendered.

MRS. W. A. PIKE,
MRS. AUG. BINSON,
Committee.

Adopted.

Committee No. 5—By-Laws.

Your Committee on By-Laws recommend the following:

I. The officers of this Synodical Society shall constitute the Synodical Committee provided for in the Constitution, and they shall determine the frequency of their own meetings.

II. The headquarters of the Synodical Committee shall be at Lincoln, until otherwise ordered by the Synodical Convention.

III. The travelling expenses of the members of the Synodical Committee incurred in attending their meetings, shall be paid by the Treasurer on order signed by the President, out of a fund provided for the purpose.

IV. The fiscal year of this Society shall begin September 1st and end with August 31st the following year.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. L. F. M. EASTERDAY,
MRS. ALTHAUS.

Adopted item by item.

Discussion—The Special Work on Hand.

Opened by Mrs. Eyster's paper, read by Miss Ada Young, and discussed with profit by the Convention.

Resolved, That the retiring officers be authorized to prepare the full proceedings of this Convention, and an abstract of last year's Convention, for publication with the English Minutes of Synod, if practicable.

Carried.

Resolved, That instead of the regular minutes of any one Convention, there be published in the German language, with the German Minutes of Synod, if practicable, a brief review of this Synodical Society's work for each successive year since its organization; an outline of the General Society's work, and a copy of the Constitution for Auxiliary Societies.

Carried.

Resolved, That Mrs. Kimmel be authorized to prepare the circular letter ordered last year for the use of the Conference Committee.

Carried.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be authorized to ask for the privilege of binding our Minutes with the proceedings of Nebraska Synod.

Carried.

Pledges were then made and a collection taken for making up the deficiency in the Publication Fund.

Standing Committees Appointed.

North Platte Conference—Mrs. J. C. Jacoby, Mrs. J. B. Bruner, Miss May Wilson.

South Platte Conference—Mrs. J. G. Griffith, Mrs. G. H. Schnur, Mrs. B. F. Pugh.

Western Conference—Mrs. A. B. Shrader, Mrs. A. Stump, Mrs. J. W. Kimmel.

German Conference—Mrs. Rosenstengel, Mrs. Sick, Mrs. Moessner.

Committee on Literature—Mrs. L. L. Lipe, Mrs. L. F. M. Easterday, Mrs. C. J. Ernst.

A sale of tracts soon exhausted the supply on hand.

Parting words were spoken, and Convention adjourned to meet at the time and place to be hereafter specified.

MAY H. WILSON,
Rec. Sec. pro tem.

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